

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Alex Harvey
Fred Lofrano
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Nicole Paskey
Mark Wright

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING: June 25, 2025

17020 Placer Hills Rd. Suite 2A, Meadow Vista

1. Call to order; Flag salute; Roll call:

Director Harvey convened the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Directors in attendance: Harvey, McCray, Paskey and Wright

Directors absent: Lofrano

Staff in attendance: Fire Chief Ian Gow, District Manager Armstrong, Battalion Chief Williamson, and Battalion Chief Nelson.

2. Agenda approval:

Director Wright moved to approve the amended agenda. Director Paskey seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.

3. Approval of the minutes:

Director McCray moved to approve the minutes. Director Wright seconded the motion which passed 4 to 0.

4. Public Comment: N/A

5. Correspondence (not covered in Agenda items below):

President Harvey reported that he received information from our Workers Comp carrier, NCS DIA, that they are in a good financial position and would be giving the participants a dividend this year.

6. Information Items:

a. Fire Chief Gow's Report

- i. Have been working on the details of a 10% increase for strike team deployments and learned that the state changed the standard admin fee from 10 to 15%
- ii. Been trying to hire an Engineer Paramedic, have decided to fill in house from our list
- iii. Moving through the process of our employees attending paramedic school, we have one finishing up the didactic training and sending another employee through the process in the fall
- iv. Have a written concept with the City of Auburn for shared command staff, will present at a future meeting. Waiting for Auburn to present to their elected officials.
- v. Previously sent out a position paper on physical exams. Will be meeting and reviewing the information at the personnel committee meeting, with local 3800, to allow for a meet and confer.

b. Fire Marshal D'Ambrogi's Report

- i. Completed plan review for 3 single family dwellings, 2 hydro/rough single family dwellings, 3 final single family dwelling.
- ii. No planning projects
- iii. Gave a report last month to Winchester community and since meeting with a few residence have found there is a conflict with some regulations, regarding zone zero. It will apply to new construction first and unsure how it will impact existing structures.

The current Winchester rules only allows for landscaping within the 5 foot zone zero area. Working with Placer County to get these rules adjusted.

- iv. Local hazard mitigation plan consultant is wanting the districts to do community outreach. Plan to add an information item to future board agendas to provide updates on the status of the hazard mitigation plan and keep the community informed.
- v. New mitigation fees will go into effect July 12, 2025

c. Battalion Chief Nelson

- i. A couple of engines are out of service
- ii. Attended a command and control class, with the county

d. Placer Hills Firefighters Association report: Captain Froggatt reported that Pioneer Day was a success and received great feedback

e. Local 3800: N/A

f. Board Committee reports:

- i. Finance Committee: Director McCray reported that the finance committee met to discuss the prelim budget, the committee recommends that the board approve the budget.
- ii. Ad hoc Committee for reorganizations: No report

7. Discussion and Action Items:

a. Board to review and discuss upcoming LAFCO Meetings

Chief Gow reported that LAFCo previously approved the Municipal Service Review, recently received the final edited version. Waiting on the Sphere of Influence, anticipate it being presented at the August LAFCo meeting. For the Placer Hills/Newcastle reorg LAFCo requested that we complete a financial study with a consultant, the study has since been completed. Command staff has met with the county CEO to negotiate the tax rate, but they have not agreed to make any adjustments. Due to the budgets being tight we researched another option of leaving some of the Newcastle special taxes instead of just doing the layover of the Placer Hills taxes, LAFCo has requested that we meet with a lawyer that works on reorganizations. Met with the reorg committees to review this new option and received their confirmation to bring on the lawyer that LAFCo suggested.

b. Consider and approve the rates of Kingsley Bogard Attorneys for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Chief Gow reported that there is a slight increase on only a few of their fees. Director Wright motions to approve the rates of Kingsley Bogard Attorneys for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Director McCray seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

c. Consider and approve the Placer County Auditor-Controller's agreement for services for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 at a cost of \$9,633

District Manger Armstrong reported that there is around a \$2,000 increase due to adding payroll services. Director Wright motions to approve the Placer County Auditor-Controller's agreement for services for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Director Paskey seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

d. Consider and adopt Resolution No. 2025-04 adjusting the special taxes by a cost of living increase of 2.7% increase for Fiscal year 2025-2026

District Manger reported that this is an increase based off of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Director Paskey motions to adopt Resolution 2025-04 adjusting the special taxes by a cost of living increase of 2.7%. Director McCray seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

- e. Consider and adopt Resolution No. 2025-05 Requesting the Collection of Charges on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Director McCray motions to adopt Resolution No. 2025-05 requesting the collection of charges on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Director Paskey seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

- f. Consider and adopt Resolution No. 2025-06 approving the Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

District Manager reviewed the staff report and preliminary budget. Director Wright motions to adopt Resolution No. 2026-06 approving the preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Director McCray seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

- g. Consider submitting a nomination for the vacancy of the alternate member seat representing special district on Placer County LAFCo

Chief Gow reported this position became available because the previous alternate member seat was appointed to the permanent position. The board discussed waiting to review the nomination list and vote at that time.

- h. Approve the budget update and monthly expenses (action)

Director McCray motions to approve the budget update and monthly expenses. Director Wright seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

The meeting was closed at 6:45pm

- i. Closed Sessions

- a. Pursuant to California Govt. Code § 54957.6(a) **LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**; Discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding with Local 3800, District negotiators: Harvey and Lofrano.
- b. Pursuant to California Govt. Code § 54957.6(a) **LABOR NEGOTIATIONS**; Discussion of the Side Letter of Agreement for a 10% under CFAA mutual aid with Local 3800, District negotiators: Harvey and Lofrano

The open meeting was reconvened at 7:01pm.

- j. Consider and approve the MOU with Local 3800 Battalion Chief Unit for the term January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Director Paskey motions to approve the MOU with the Local 3800 Battalion Chief Unit for the term January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Director Wright seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

- k. Consider and approve the Side Letter of Agreement for a 10% differential pay for employees deployed under CFAA mutual aid

Director McCray motions to approve the Side Letter of Agreement for a 10% differential pay for employees deployed under CFAA mutual aid. Director Wright seconded the motion, which passed 4-0.

8. Directors' comments:

- a. *Report on activities of interest to the District which the Director is engaged in or is considering. No action will be taken on these items at this meeting.*

Director Wright reported that he will not be attending the July meeting.

- b. *Reminder of next Board meeting(s): Regular Meeting on July 23rd, 2025.*

9. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michelle Armstrong".

Michelle Armstrong, District Manager